has to be a minimum gap of one term of two years. The above decision was communicated to all EPCs in February, 1993 suggesting that their Articles of Association may be suitably amended, if considered necessary. The question of relaxation of tenure of Chairmen of EPCs and FIEO by the Government does not arise.

Public Sector Unit in Mica Industry

1756. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the period and the circumstances to establish public sector unit in Mica industry, MITCO;

(b) the pay scales of the productive and supporting workers there at the start and subsequent change in 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1990 and at present given the total emoluments of each principal category of workers in these years; and

(c) whether the need led to the birth of MITCO has ended now leading to its winding up and if not, the steps taken to develop MITCO?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) MITCO was carved out of MMTC in June, 1974 as a Canalising Agency for export of Mica.

(b) Prior to 17-1-1984 MITCO workers were being paid according to prevailing Minimum Wages Act of respective states Thereafter time-scales were introduced. Details of Pay Scales of productive and supporting workers is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Due to decline in its performance, MITCO has been declared sick in terms of Sick Industrial Compaines Act (special amendment 1985) by BIFR. Various options for revival of MITCO including its merger with MMTC are under consideration.

Statement

Pay Scales of productive and Supporting workers of Public Sector Units in Mica Industry during 1993-94

	Pay Scales effective from 17-1-84	Total emoluments of workers at minimum of Scale in the month of October	
	In Rs./ months 1985	1990	1994
Category II	210–245	508.09	1001.41	1925.96
Category I	235–280	534.97	1028.29	1952.84
Checker	245–300	545.72	1039.04	1963.59
Sardar	270–345	572.60	1065.91	1990.46
Carpenter	300–385	604.84	1098.16	2022.71
Chargeman	340–450	647.84	1141.16	2065.71

Volume of World Trade in Mica

1757. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the volume of world trade in mica during the last three years with year-wise break-up;

(b) the Indian contribution in the world trade of Mica, showing percentage for the above period, giving the export figures both in quantity and earnings and contributin of MITCO in this regard; and

(c) internal consumption of mica in the country in 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1994 and the likely consumption by 2000 AD with relevant details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Precise details of the volume of world trade in mica are not available.

(b) Total export of mica and MITCO's share therein during the last 3 years is given below :—

Quantity : In MT
Value : In Rs. Crores

India's Exports (Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)			MITCO's Export (Source: MITCO)	
Year	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
1991-92	34880	55.50	4196	6.26
1992-93	27741	38.35	6383	9.49
1993-94	28156	25.73	4666	8.16

(1) Under the category mica DGCI&S indicates figures for export of unworked mica which includes processed mica, mica scrap & waste, and mica powder/flakes only.

(2) Figures for 1993-94 are provisional.

(c) Precise details about internal consumption of mica in the country are not available. However, as per IBM, Nagpur consumption of all types of mica for all industries from 1987 to 1989-90 was as under :

1987	. .	9150 (tonnes)
1988	. .	8750 (tonnes)
1989-90	. .	9300 (tonnes)

प्याज का निर्यात

1758. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन : क्या वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार नई फसल के आने तक बंगलादेश और अन्य देशों को प्याज निर्यात स्थगित करने का है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ,

(ग) क्या सरकार को किसी राज्य सरकार से इस बारे में कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार कर रही है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) और (घ) पश्चिम बंगाल के मुख्यमंत्री और कुछ अन्य जन-प्रतिनिधियों ने प्याज के निर्यात हेतु समय-समय पर अपने-अपने सुझाव भेजे हैं । इनमें एक ओर, इस संबंध में लगे प्रतिबंध समाप्त करना और दूसरी ओर, इस वस्तु के अपेक्षतया कम उत्पादन तथा उसकी अधिक घरेलू कीमतों को देखते हुए उसके निर्यात पर रोक लगाना शामिल है ।

(ङ) समग्र स्थिति को देखते हुए सरकार ने प्याज के निर्यात का सरणीयन नैशनल एग्रीकल्चरल कोआपरेटिव मार्केटिंग फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड को दिया है ।

Evaluating Performance of EOUs

1759. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have evaluated the performance of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units in different sectors and Free Trade Zones over the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the main achievements and operational/administrative drawbacks of the schemes and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether to make up the shortcomings Government are seriously considering to set-up a Free Trade Port in the country particularly in the State of Maharashtra and Gujarat to take advantage of liberalisation and globalisation process on the economic front;

(d) whether Government have evaluated the performance of Kandla Free Trade Zone and Santacruz Electronics Export Processing Zone over the years in the context of total export and profit earned with regard to their committed target and actual contribution; and

(e) if so, the details of the quantity and value of items exported from these zones during 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exports both from Export Oriented Units (EOUs) as well as Export Processing Zones (EPZ) have shown encouraging growth. In the case of EOUs it increased from Rs. 697.38 crores in 1990-91 to Rs. 2895.62 crores (provisional) in 1993-94 while exports from EPZ units went up from Rs. 982.79 crores to Rs. 1959.91 crores during the same period. The report of the Committee set-up by Government to review Policy and Procedures applicable to EOU/EPZ units made detailed recommendations in this respect. These recommendations which inter-alia touched upon Exim Policy and Procedures, Customs/Excise matters, duty structure and taxes have in large measure been implemented. The remaining issues are being pursued with the concerned Departments.

(c) An advisory Committee was set-up to look into the feasibility and desirability of a Free Port in the country. The Committee whose recommendations are under examination, has suggested Goa as a suitable location for establishing Free Port.

(d) and (e) Details of targets and actual exports in the case of Santacruz Electronics Export Processing Zone and the Kandla Free Trade Zone for the last four years are given in the Statement (*See* below). Data on quantity-wise exports and profits earned by the EPZ Units is not maintained.